Make a pop-up book





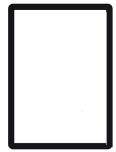
Write a story and illustrate it in 3-D! Note that the finished book will open bottom-to-top (like a calendar) rather than right-to-left.

What you'll need

- * 8.5" x 11" paper
- * Scissors
- * Glue stick
- * Ruler and pencil
- * Markers, pens, or colored pencils for illustrating







How to do it

- * Write a story or choose one you've already written.
- * Make a storyboard: Map out how many pages your book will have and what text and illustration will go on each page.
- * For each page, fold an $8.5" \times 11"$ piece of paper in half horizontally (so that you get two rectangles that are $8.5" \times 5.5"$).
- * In the center of the folded edge, cut 2 parallel slits that are 2 inches long and 1 inch apart.
- * Unfold the paper; pull the cut paper tab forward and refold its edge in the opposite direction so that it's standing up. You'll glue a picture to the bottom of this tab so that when the page opens, the picture "pops" up.
- * Place the paper so that the 8.5" edge is parallel to the bottom edge of your desk or table.

 Use a ruler and a pencil to draw lines on the bottom half of the paper, below the tab. Write a few sentences of your story on these lines on each page.
- * Decorate the top half of the page (except for the tab).
- * On a separate piece of paper, draw a picture. Cut it out and glue it onto the tab. Repeat to make each page.
- * Staring with the first page, glue the back side of the bottom of one page to the back side of the top of another. Don't get glue on the tabs.
- * Make a cover by folding an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper around the stack of pages; glue it to the back sides of the first and last pages.